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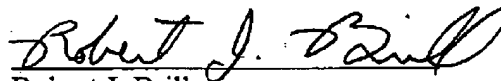
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Stewart, Robert EXAMINER: Fastovsky, Leonid M.
SERIAL NO.: 10/600,553 GROUP: 3742 CONF. NO. 6032
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TITLE: HEATING ELEMENT INDUCTION OF TIME-VARYING THERMAL
GRADIENT IN ELONGATED BEAM TO CAUSE ONE OR MORE
ELONGATED BEAM OSCILLATIONS

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent via facsimile transmission to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, Group Art Unit 3742, Attention: Leonid M. Fastovsky, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, at fax number (703) 872-9306, on January 5, 2005.



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend said application as follows.